

Connecticut Statewide Citizen Corps Council
Advisory Committee Minutes
May 20, 2010

Attendees: Bill Austin (Chair); Joel Severance (Region 2); Don Davis (Ellington OEM); Dagmar Noll; (WINCOG); Virginia Mason (COGCNV); Dave Brown (DEMHS); Ted Janelle (Southington CERT) Katherine McCormack (City of Hartford); Norma Peterson (Fairfield CERT Region 1 CCP); Richard Rampone (American Legion); Melon Wedick (CCRPA); Don Janelle (Manchester OEM); Sylvia Dake (Andover CERT); Michael Berry (City New Britain); Art McLean (American Legion); Cheryl Assis (CRCOG); Viola Heath (CRCOG)

Chairman William Austin called the meeting to order at 1:59 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance and introductions of all present.

Public Comments: No public Comments

Approval of Meeting Minutes: A motion to approve the April 22, 2010 meeting minutes was made by Joel Severance Seconded by Virginia Mason. All in favor so voted.

Guest Speaker: No guest speaker

Report on State DEMHS Coordinating Council Meeting: Chairman Austin gave highlights of the May 13, 2010, DEMHS Coordinating Council meeting.

Old Business:

- Statewide Operational Update: Updates and changes were made to CERT Pending Training, In Training, CERT Trained, NET Trained, and Personnel Trained lists.
- Correspondence: Chairman Austin read correspondence received and sent.
- American Legion NET Program Update: No report.
- Statewide Citizen Corps Annual Conference: Chairman Austin reported the conference agenda is fifty percent complete and menu selections have been made. He also reconfirmed that the 2010 conference will be held September 7, and 8, at Waters Edge Spa and Resort, Westbrook, CT. Attendance is limited to 300 people. The Save the Date will be sent out shortly with registration opening July 1st. Fifty hotel rooms have been blocked for the conference at the rate of \$87 per night.
- Connecticut Emergency Management Symposium Conference: Viola Heath reported that the Citizen Corps booth at the CCM conference was very busy and that more people are aware of CERT and interested in becoming volunteers.

New Business

- Citizen Corps Council Award Recognition Program: Chairman Austin reminded everyone that the award recognition submission deadline is August 1, 2010. Submissions should be sent to Chairman Austin via e-mail by this date.
- CERT Weekend: Dave Brown, DEMHS, advised CERT Weekend will be held October 16, and 17, at the Fire Academy, Windsor Locks.
- STEP Program: Norma Peterson gave a report on the success of the STEP program in Fairfield, Connecticut.

CERT Team Funding And Funding Requests:

Category A:

- **Southbury** – Approved for \$1,625 for basic CERT training for 15 to 25 people

A motion to approve the Category A request was made by Dagmar Noll Seconded by Joel Severance. All in favor so voted.

Category B:

- **Killingworth** – Approved for \$950 vests and CPR certificates.

A motion to approve the Category B request was made by Virginia Mason, Seconded by Norma Peterson. All in favor so voted.

Category C:

No Category C request.

Tabled Funding Request:

No tabled requests

Other Business:

- CERT Backpacks: ProPac has agreed to replace defective backpacks. Please contact Dave Brown if you need to replace a defective backpack.
- Political Storm Exercise: Katherine McCormack gave a report on the recent Political Storm exercise and e CERTs added value to any operation and Manchester CERT went above and beyond to assist. “They are a great team with commitment”. She said.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be, June 17, 2010 at West Hartford Town Hall, Council Chambers – Room 314

Future Meeting dates: July15, 2010 August (**no meeting**), September 16, 2010, October 21, 2010, November 18, 2010 and December 16, 2010